

# Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

## AMOS

### AN OVERVIEW

#### **Purpose**

To declare the universal justice of God, to pronounce judgment upon the northern kingdom of Israel.

#### **Author**

Amos, a shepherd from Tekoa.

#### **Date**

Probably written c.760-750 BC during the reigns of Jeroboam II of Israel and Uzziah (Azariah) of Judah.

#### **Audience**

The people of the northern kingdom of Israel and God's people everywhere.

#### **Setting**

The northern kingdom of Israel was experiencing a time of wealth and prosperity unparalleled since the days of Solomon, but they had become complacent and were oppressing the poor.

#### **Special Features**

Amos uses striking metaphors from his shepherding and farming experience—a loaded cart, a roaring lion, a mutilated sheep, pampered cows, and a basket of fruit.



#### **Key Verses**

“Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to do so?” (3:3 NIV)

“For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.” (3:7 ESV)

“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.” (8:11 ESV)

“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (5:24 ESV)

#### **Key People**

Amos, Amaziah, Jeroboam II.

#### **Key Places**

Bethel, Samaria.